REMARKS

In the action of July 28, 2005, the examiner rejected claims 1-7 as anticipated by Lapin et al.

Applicant has amended the claims to clarify that the product is a three-dimensional structure which includes a layer of epoxy which has a thickness greater than 100 micrometers. Further, the resulting following processing, has a continuously varying structure, thickness and a smoothly varying topography. This is contrasted with the Lapin structure which, as the examiner has pointed out, is directed toward a specific resin which can be used with masks to develop a 3-D However, Lapin clearly specifies that the 3-D product pattern. comprises several successive layers, each of which is successively masked and then treated to produce the final structure.

The repeated masking and processing of successive layers of material in Lapin produces a surface which is defined by a series of discrete steps; such a surface is inherently non-continuous in thickness and does not have a smoothly varying topography.

A 3-D structure with a continuously varying thickness and a topography (applicant's defined structure) smoothly varying advantageous over the stepped topography of Lapin because they are more accurate and attractive, with thicknesses up to 2 millimeters. of the structural differences between the claimed product and the product described in Lapin, and since those differences are significant, claims 1.3, 5 and 6 are allowable over the references.

Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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